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Requirement for [REDACTED] 25X1X6

1. Since [REDACTED] party will be visiting the "new lands" 25X1X6 it is suggested that they try to find out what effect the MTS reorganization will have on production of agricultural machinery. Press comments on this subject have been vague and there are even some indications that the Soviets do not yet know to what extent production plans will have to be altered. There have been suggestions that production planning for agricultural machinery will be made for only a year or two ahead rather than on a seven-year basis as is to be done for industry generally. There have also been indications that the Soviets desire to produce a wider variety of agricultural machinery which, if translated into action, would result in a significant change in the product mix of the industry. Any information that can be gathered on Soviet plans in this field would be helpful.

2. When the [REDACTED] party is in Novosibirsk it would be 25X1X6 desirable for them to request a visit to the Sibsel'mash combine. This is a very large industrial facility ostensibly for production of agricultural machinery. It is known from the press that the plant manufactures tractor-drawn disc harrows, surface plows and seed drills. It has also been manufacturing harvester units for the Stalinets-6 grain combines. It is known from markings information and covert sources that the plant is a substantial producer of ammunition. One source has reported that the plant is producing three-stage ballistic missiles. We would be interested in knowing the Soviet reaction to a request to visit this plant. If a plant visit is made we should like to know what parts of the plant are engaged in production of agricultural machinery and also names of plant officials (It should be noted that Zabaluyev, the director of the combine for many years, is now chairman of Novosibirsk CNE).

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